

promising NASA programs in future years. As was the case last year, I still believe there would be a net advantage to terminating this program. However, we are near the point where our investment is too great to not finish the project, and so I will continue to review this program annually. Should I reach the conclusion that we have reached the stage where our investment has matured, I will drop my opposition to the space station.

A pair of amendments concerning the distribution of Veterans Medical Administration resources are also worthy of additional explanation. Senators MCCAIN and GRAHAM introduced an amendment to develop a redistribution plan of Veterans Administration medical care resources. The amendment's purpose is to ensure that veterans have similar access to health care services regardless of where they live. This seems to be the correct way for a efficient government to function and is consistent with our commitment to provide quality medical care to our Nation's veterans. The Senate overwhelmingly adopted this amendment by a vote of 79 to 18.

Senators HARKIN and MOYNIHAN then introduced an amendment that would have prohibited this plan from reducing VA funds spent in any State over the previous year. Given our declining veterans population with shifting medical requirements, I believe it is unreasonable to prohibit the Department of Veterans Affairs from reducing its outlays in certain regions of the country, even if the demand for such services has decreased. The effect of this prohibition would have been large segments of our veterans population being denied medical care. This is not responsible governance, and I therefore joined with 59 other Senators in defeating this amendment 60 to 37.

Another amendment related to health care was offered by the Senator from Oregon, Senator WYDEN, which would prohibit health care plans from restricting or prohibiting certain communications between doctors and their patients. Mr. President, I believe this issue has merit and should be addressed by Congress, but I do not believe the Treasury-Postal Appropriations bill is the appropriate vehicle, especially considering that the amendment had a substantial cost which would have made the entire appropriation bill exceed its budget limits. As such, it was subject to a point of order which I supported.

It is my understanding that Senator WYDEN, Senator KASSEBAUM, and others are working at this moment to construct a bipartisan solution to both the problem raised by Senator WYDEN and the concerns of other Senators and the insurance industry. I support these efforts and look forward to seeing some type of resolution, if not in this Congress then in the next.

Finally, Mr. President, this Senator would like to explain his reasoning in voting to table Senator KERRY's

amendment calling for additional expenditures on behalf of a study on the use of taggants in black gun powder and smokeless powder. On this amendment, both the majority and minority managers of the bill as well as the administration objected to the offset used by the Senator from Massachusetts in paying for the study's expanded mandate. Therefore, I chose to support the managers' motion to table. The amendment was successfully tabled by a vote of 57 to 42.●

EXPLANATION OF VOTES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION BILL

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I wish to explain a number of my votes on amendments to the Department of Defense Authorization Bill (S. 1745) passed out of this chamber on July 10, 1996. Specifically, I wish to address my votes on Senator EXON's amendment regarding a general cut in defense spending, Senator WELLSTONE's amendment regarding a shift of defense funds to other budget priorities, and Senator KYL's amendment regarding nuclear weapon testing.

Senator EXON proposed cutting the Defense budget across the board by \$4 billion. I opposed this because I believe such a blanket approach is not a responsible way to contain defense spending. Moreover, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Shalikashvili, has stated the he needs \$60 billion more than the President requested to modernize weapon systems. America's superior military equipment is aging quickly compared to that of our potential adversaries, and I believe our men and women in uniform should not be placed in harms way without the best equipment possible. By the year 2010, our average fighter will have aged by 218 percent, and will only have 1 year left in its service life limit. Tanks will be almost four times as old as they are today because we are not buying new tanks, and the current stock of tanks will have, on average, passed their designed service life. This is unacceptable. To cut these funds when our fighting men and women need them most is unconscionable, and therefore, I voted against the Exon amendment.

Mr. President, I would also like to address my vote regarding Senator WELLSTONE's amendment on shifting \$1.3 billion from defense spending to education programs. I have pledged to support those Federal education programs that work. However, this body has long respected the "firewall" between defense spending and other discretionary spending because we realize the common defense is indeed our first priority, and therefore funding for the military should be determined independent of other programs. Thus I voted to table this amendment.

The manner in which we provide for that common defense, however, sometimes is guaranteed as much by the

policies we establish as by the money we spend. Although all of us pray that nuclear weapons are never again used, we still find ourselves in a world where we must maintain an effective nuclear deterrent to defend our country and our national security. As an aside, this requirement for nuclear weapons would be drastically reduced if we were to develop an effective ballistic missile defense system for the territory of the United States. Due to the Clinton administration's opposition, however, we remain much more vulnerable to enemy nuclear attack. This requires us to maintain more nuclear weapons than we would otherwise need as a deterrent force. Therefore, as long as we have nuclear weapons, we must also ensure that they are stable and effective to maintain the deterrent influence.

To that end, we must also preserve the ability, at least in the short term, to test these weapons for stability and effectiveness. We may soon have the capability to conduct these tests by computer simulation, but I do not believe we are there yet. The data presented leads me to believe we must maintain the ability to test these weapons, at least for a few more years. As our technological capabilities progress, this may very well change, and I will be willing to reexamine this position. However, for now, I believe it was necessary for our national defense to oppose the motion to table the Kyl amendment allowing continued and limited nuclear testing.

Mr. President, as Members of the Congress, our first constitutional duty is to pass legislation for the raising and support of our Armed Forces, just as the Federal Government's first duty is to provide for the common defense. My votes, I believe, serve that duty and further our national security goals.●

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH REVITALIZATION ACT OF 1996

The text of the bill (S. 1897) to amend the Public Health Service Act to revise and extend certain programs relating to the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes; as passed by the Senate on September 26, 1996, is as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES; AND TABLE OF CONTENTS

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1996".

(b) REFERENCES.—Whenever in this Act an amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to a section or other provision, the reference shall be considered to be made to a section or other provision of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 201 et seq.).

(c) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; references; and table of contents

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Sec. 101. Director's discretionary fund.

Sec. 102. Children's vaccine initiative.

TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- Sec. 201. Research on osteoporosis, paget's disease, and related bone disorders.
- Sec. 202. National Human Genome Research Institute.
- Sec. 203. Increased amount of grant and other awards.
- Sec. 204. Meetings of advisory committees and councils.
- Sec. 205. Elimination or modification of reports.

TITLE III—SPECIFIC INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

Subtitle A—National Cancer Institute

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Subtitle C—National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

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Subtitle D—National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

- Sec. 331. Research centers for contraception and infertility.

Subtitle E—National Institute on Aging

- Sec. 341. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle F—National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

- Sec. 351. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 352. National Alcohol Research Center.

Subtitle G—National Institute on Drug Abuse

- Sec. 361. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 362. Medication development program.
- Sec. 363. Drug Abuse Research Centers.

Subtitle H—National Institute of Mental Health

- Sec. 371. Authorization of appropriations.

Subtitle I—National Center for Research Resources

- Sec. 381. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 382. General Clinical Research Centers.
- Sec. 383. Enhancement awards.
- Sec. 384. Waiver of limitations.

Subtitle J—National Library of Medicine

- Sec. 391. Authorization of appropriations.
- Sec. 392. Increasing the cap on grant amounts.

TITLE IV—AWARDS AND TRAINING

- Sec. 401. Medical scientist training program.
- Sec. 402. Raise in maximum level of loan repayments.
- Sec. 403. General loan repayment program.
- Sec. 404. Clinical research assistance.

TITLE V—RESEARCH WITH RESPECT TO AIDS

- Sec. 501. Comprehensive plan for expenditure of AIDS appropriations.
- Sec. 502. Emergency AIDS discretionary fund.

TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS

Subtitle A—Authority of the Director of NIH

- Sec. 601. Authority of the Director of NIH.

Subtitle B—Office of Rare Disease Research

- Sec. 611. Establishment of Office for Rare Disease Research.

Subtitle C—Certain Reauthorizations

- Sec. 621. National Research Service Awards.
- Sec. 622. National Foundation for Biomedical Research.

Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Provisions

- Sec. 631. Establishment of National Fund for Health Research.
- Sec. 632. Definition of clinical research.

- Sec. 633. Establishment of a pediatric research initiative.

- Sec. 634. Diabetes research.

- Sec. 635. Parkinson's research.

- Sec. 636. Pain research consortium.

Subtitle E—Repeals and Conforming Amendments

- Sec. 641. Repeals and conforming amendments.

TITLE I—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

SEC. 101. DIRECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND.

Section 402(i)(3) (42 U.S.C. 282(i)(3)) is amended by striking "\$25,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 102. CHILDREN'S VACCINE INITIATIVE.

Section 404B(c) (42 U.S.C. 283d(c)) is amended by striking "\$20,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

TITLE II—PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES

SEC. 201. RESEARCH ON OSTEOPOROSIS, PAGET'S DISEASE, AND RELATED BONE DISORDERS.

Section 409A(d) (42 U.S.C. 284e(d)) is amended by striking "\$40,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 202. NATIONAL HUMAN GENOME RESEARCH INSTITUTE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part C of title IV (42 U.S.C. 285 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subpart:

"Subpart 18—National Human Genome Research Institute

"SEC. 464Z. PURPOSE OF THE INSTITUTE.

"(a) IN GENERAL.—The general purpose of the National Human Genome Research Institute is to characterize the structure and function of the human genome, including the mapping and sequencing of individual genes. Such purpose includes—

"(1) planning and coordinating the research goal of the genome project;

"(2) reviewing and funding research proposals;

"(3) conducting and supporting research training;

"(4) coordinating international genome research;

"(5) communicating advances in genome science to the public;

"(6) reviewing and funding proposals to address the ethical, legal, and social issues associated with the genome project (including legal issues regarding patents); and

"(7) planning and administering intramural, collaborative, and field research to study human genetic disease.

"(b) RESEARCH.—The Director of the Institute may conduct and support research training—

"(1) for which fellowship support is not provided under section 487; and

"(2) that is not residency training of physicians or other health professionals.

"(c) ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND SOCIAL ISSUES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in paragraph (2), of the amounts appropriated to carry out subsection (a) for a fiscal year, the Director of the Institute shall make available not less than 5 percent of amounts made available for extramural research for carrying out paragraph (6) of such subsection.

"(2) NONAPPLICATION.—With respect to providing funds under subsection (a)(6) for proposals to address the ethical issues associated with the genome project, paragraph (1) shall not apply for a fiscal year if the Direc-

tor of the Institute certifies to the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, and to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate, that the Director has determined that an insufficient number of such proposals meet the applicable requirements of sections 491 and 492.

"(d) TRANSFER.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—There are transferred to the National Human Genome Research Institute all functions which the National Center for Human Genome Research exercised before the date of enactment of this subpart, including all related functions of any officer or employee of the National Center for Human Genome Research. The personnel employed in connection with, and the assets, liabilities, contracts, property, records, and unexpended balances of appropriations, authorizations, allocations, and other funds employed, used, held, arising from, available to, or to be made available in connection with the functions transferred under this subsection shall be transferred to the National Human Genome Research Institute.

"(2) LEGAL DOCUMENTS.—All orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, agreements, grants, contracts, certificates, licenses, regulations, privileges, and other administrative actions which have been issued, made, granted, or allowed to become effective in the performance of functions which are transferred under this subsection shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, terminated, superseded, set aside, or revoked in accordance with law.

"(3) REFERENCES.—References in any other Federal law, Executive order, rule, regulation, or delegation of authority, or any document of or relating to the National Center for Human Genome Research shall be deemed to refer to the National Human Genome Research Institute.

"(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 401(b) (42 U.S.C. 281(b)) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1), by adding at the end thereof the following new subparagraph:

"(R) The National Human Genome Research Institute."; and

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking subparagraph (D); and

(ii) by redesignating subparagraph (E) as subparagraph (D).

(2) Subpart 3 of part E of title IV (42 U.S.C. 287c et seq.) is repealed.

SEC. 203. INCREASED AMOUNT OF GRANT AND OTHER AWARDS.

Section 405(b)(2)(B) (42 U.S.C. 284(b)(2)(B)) is amended—

(1) in clause (i), by striking "\$50,000" and inserting "\$100,000"; and

(2) in clause (ii), by striking "\$50,000" and inserting "\$100,000".

SEC. 204. MEETINGS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 406 (42 U.S.C. 284a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking "but at least three times each fiscal year"; and

(2) in subsection (h)(2)—

(A) in subparagraph (A)—

(i) in clause (iv), by adding "and" after the semicolon;

(ii) in clause (v), by striking "and" and inserting a period; and

(iii) by striking clause (vi); and

(B) in subparagraph (B), by striking "except" and all that follows through "year".

(b) PRESIDENT'S CANCER PANEL.—Section 415(a)(3) (42 U.S.C. 285a-4(a)(3)) is amended by striking "but not less often than four times a year".

(c) INSTITUTE OF DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISEASES INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEES.—Section 429(b) (42 U.S.C. 285c-3(b)) is amended by striking “, but not less often than four times a year”.

(d) INSTITUTE OF ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEES.—Section 439(b) (42 U.S.C. 285d-4(b)) is amended by striking “, but not less often than four times a year”.

(e) INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS AND OTHER COMMUNICATION DISORDERS INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COMMITTEES.—Section 464E(d) (42 U.S.C. 285m-5(d)) is amended by striking “, but not less often than four times a year”.

(f) INSTITUTE OF NURSING RESEARCH ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 464X(e) (42 U.S.C. 285q-2(e)) is amended by striking “, but at least three times each fiscal year”.

(g) CENTER FOR RESEARCH RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL.—Section 480(e) (42 U.S.C. 287a(e)) is amended by striking “, but at least three times each fiscal year”.

(h) APPLICATION OF FACA.—Part B of title IV (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“SEC. 409B. APPLICATION OF FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.

“Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) shall not apply to a scientific or technical peer review group, established under this title.”.

SEC. 205. ELIMINATION OR MODIFICATION OF REPORTS.

(a) PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT REPORTS.—The following provisions of the Public Health Service Act are repealed:

(1) Section 403 (42 U.S.C. 283) relating to the biennial report of the Director of the National Institutes of Health to Congress and the President.

(2) Subsection (c) of section 439 (42 U.S.C. 285d-4(c)) relating to the annual report of the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases Interagency Coordinating Committee and the annual report of the Skin Diseases Interagency Coordinating Committee.

(3) Subsection (j) of section 442 (42 U.S.C. 285d-7(j)) relating to the annual report of the National Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases Advisory Board.

(4) Subsection (b) of section 494A (42 U.S.C. 289c-1(b)) relating to the annual report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services on health services research relating to alcohol abuse and alcoholism, drug abuse, and mental health.

(5) Subsection (b) of section 503 (42 U.S.C. 290aa-2(b)) relating to the triennial report of the Secretary of Health and Human Services to Congress.

(b) REPORT ON DISEASE PREVENTION.—Section 402(f)(3) (42 U.S.C. 282(f)(3)) is amended by striking “annually” and inserting “biennially”.

(c) REPORTS OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEES ON DIGESTIVE DISEASES, DIABETES MELLITUS, AND KIDNEY, UROLOGIC AND HEMATOLOGIC DISEASES.—Section 429 (42 U.S.C. 285c-3) is amended by striking subsection (c).

(d) REPORT OF THE TASK FORCE ON AGING RESEARCH.—Section 304 of the Home Health Care and Alzheimer's Disease Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 242q-3) is repealed.

(e) SUDDEN INFANT DEATH SYNDROME RESEARCH.—Section 1122 (42 U.S.C. 300c-12) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a)—

(A) by striking the subsection designation and heading; and

(B) by striking “of the type” and all that follows through “adequate,” and insert “, such amounts each year as will be adequate for research which relates generally to sudden infant death syndrome, including high-

risk pregnancy and high-risk infancy research which directly relates to sudden infant death syndrome, and to the relationship of the high-risk pregnancy and high-risk infancy research to sudden infant death syndrome,”; and

(2) by striking subsections (b) and (c).

(f) U.S.-JAPAN COOPERATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE PROGRAM.—Subsection (h) of section 5 of the International Health Research Act of 1960 is repealed.

(g) BIOENGINEERING RESEARCH.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives, a report containing specific plans and timeframes on how the Director will implement the findings and recommendations of the report to Congress entitled “Support for Bioengineering Research” (submitted in August of 1995 in accordance with section 1912 of the National Institutes of Health Revitalization Act of 1993 (42 U.S.C. 282 note)).

(h) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Title IV is amended—

(1) in section 404C(c) (42 U.S.C. 283e(c)), by striking “included” and all that follows through the period and inserting “made available to the committee established under subsection (e) and included in the official minutes of the committee”;

(2) in section 404E(d)(3)(B) (42 U.S.C. 283g(d)(3)(B)), by striking “for inclusion in the biennial report under section 403”;

(3) in section 406(g) (42 U.S.C. 284a(g))—

(A) by striking “for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 407” and inserting “as it may determine appropriate”;

and

(B) by striking the second sentence;

(4) in section 407 (42 U.S.C. 284b)—

(A) in the section heading, to read as follows:

“REPORTS”;

and

(B) by striking “shall prepare for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 403 a biennial” and inserting “may prepare a”;

(5) in section 416(b) (42 U.S.C. 285a-5(b)) by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(6) in section 417 (42 U.S.C. 285a-6), by striking subsection (e);

(7) in section 423(b) (42 U.S.C. 285b-6(b)), by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(8) by striking section 433 (42 U.S.C. 285c-7);

(9) in section 451(b) (42 U.S.C. 285g-3(b)), by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(10) in section 452(d) (42 U.S.C. 285g-4(d))—

(A) in paragraph (3)—

(i) in subparagraph (A), by striking “(A) Not” and inserting “Not”; and

(ii) by striking subparagraph (B); and

(B) in the last sentence of paragraph (4), by striking “contained” and all that follows through the period and inserting “transmitted to the Director of NIH.”;

(11) in section 464I(b) (42 U.S.C. 285n-1(b)), by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(12) in section 464M(b) (42 U.S.C. 285o-1(b)), by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(13) in section 464S(b) (42 U.S.C. 285p-1(b)), by striking “407” and inserting “402(f)(3)”;

(14) in section 464X(g) (42 U.S.C. 285q-2(g)) is amended—

(A) by striking “for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 464Y” and inserting “as it may determine appropriate”;

and

(B) by striking the second sentence;

(15) in section 464Y (42 U.S.C. 285q-3)—

(A) in the section heading, to read as follows:

“REPORTS”;

and

(B) by striking “shall prepare for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 403 a biennial” and inserting “may prepare a”;

(16) in section 480(g) (42 U.S.C. 287a(g))—

(A) by striking “for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 481” and inserting “as it may determine appropriate”;

and

(B) by striking the second sentence;

(17) in section 481 (42 U.S.C. 287a-1)—

(A) in the section heading, to read as follows:

“REPORTS”;

and

(B) by striking “shall prepare for inclusion in the biennial report made under section 403 a biennial” and inserting “may prepare a”;

(18) in section 486(d)(5)(B) (42 U.S.C. 287d(d)(5)(B)), by striking “for inclusion in the report required in section 403”;

(19) in section 486B (42 U.S.C. 287d-2) by striking subsection (b) and inserting the following new subsection:

“(b) SUBMISSION.—The Director of the Office shall submit each report prepared under subsection (a) to the Director of NIH.”; and

(20) in section 492B(f) (42 U.S.C. 289a-2(f)), by striking “for inclusion” and all that follows through the period and inserting “and the Director of NIH.”.

TITLE III—SPECIFIC INSTITUTES AND CENTERS

Subtitle A—National Cancer Institute

SEC. 301. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 417B (42 U.S.C. 286a-8) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$2,728,000,000” and all that follows through the period and inserting “\$3,000,000,000 for fiscal year 1997.”;

(2) in subsection (b)—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in the first sentence of subparagraph (A), by striking “\$225,000,000” and all that follows through the first period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”; and

(ii) in the first sentence of subparagraph (B), by striking “\$100,000,000” and all that follows through the first period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”; and

(B) in the first sentence of paragraph (2), by striking “\$75,000,000” and all that follows through the first period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”; and

(3) in the first sentence of subsection (c), by striking “\$72,000,000” and all that follows through the first period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”.

SEC. 302. DES STUDY.

Section 403A(e) (42 U.S.C. 283a(e)) is amended by striking “1996” and inserting “1997”.

Subtitle B—National Heart Lung and Blood Institute

SEC. 311. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 425 (42 U.S.C. 285b-8) is amended by striking “\$1,500,000,000” and all that follows through the period and inserting “\$1,600,000,000 for fiscal year 1997.”.

Subtitle C—National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

SEC. 321. TERRY BEIRN COMMUNITY-BASED AIDS RESEARCH INITIATIVE.

Section 2313(e) (42 U.S.C. 300cc-13(e)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “1996” and inserting “1997”;

(2) in paragraph (2), by striking “1996” and inserting “1997”.

Subtitle D—National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

SEC. 331. RESEARCH CENTERS FOR CONTRACEPTION AND INFERTILITY.

Section 452A(g) (42 U.S.C. 285g-5(g)) is amended by striking "\$30,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

Subtitle E—National Institute on Aging

SEC. 341. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 445I (42 U.S.C. 285e-11) is amended by striking "\$500,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "\$550,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

Subtitle F—National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

SEC. 351. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 464H(d)(1) (42 U.S.C. 285n(d)(1)) is amended by striking "300,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "\$330,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 352. NATIONAL ALCOHOL RESEARCH CENTER.

Section 464J(b) (42 U.S.C. 285n-2(b)) is amended—

- (1) by striking "(b) The" and inserting "(b)(1) The";
- (2) by striking the third sentence; and
- (3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(2) As used in paragraph (1), the terms 'construction' and 'cost of construction' include—

"(A) the construction of new buildings, the expansion of existing buildings, and the acquisition, remodeling, replacement, renovation, major repair (to the extent permitted by regulations), or alteration of existing buildings, including architects' fees, but not including the cost of the acquisition of land or offsite improvements; and

"(B) the initial equipping of new buildings and of the expanded, remodeled, repaired, renovated, or altered part of existing buildings; except that

such term shall not include the construction or cost of construction of so much of any facility as is used or is to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship."

Subtitle G—National Institute on Drug Abuse

SEC. 361. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 464L(d)(1) (42 U.S.C. 285o(d)(1)) is amended by striking "\$440,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "\$500,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 362. MEDICATION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

Section 464P(e) (42 U.S.C. 285o-4(e)) is amended by striking "\$85,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 363. DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH CENTERS.

Section 464N(b) (42 U.S.C. 285o-2(b)) is amended—

- (1) by striking "(b) The" and inserting "(b)(1) The";
- (2) by striking the last sentence; and
- (3) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

"(2) As used in paragraph (1), the terms 'construction' and 'cost of construction' include—

"(A) the construction of new buildings, the expansion of existing buildings, and the acquisition, remodeling, replacement, renovation, major repair (to the extent permitted by regulations), or alteration of existing buildings, including architects' fees, but not including the cost of the acquisition of land or offsite improvements; and

"(B) the initial equipping of new buildings and of the expanded, remodeled, repaired, renovated, or altered part of existing buildings; except that

such term does not include the construction or cost of construction of so much of any facility as is used or is to be used for sectarian instruction or as a place for religious worship."

Subtitle H—National Institute of Mental Health

SEC. 371. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 464R(f)(1) (42 U.S.C. 285p(f)(1)) is amended by striking "\$675,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "\$750,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

Subtitle I—National Center for Research Resources

SEC. 381. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) GENERAL AUTHORIZATION.—Section 481A(h) (42 U.S.C. 287a-2(h)) is amended by striking "\$150,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997."

(b) RESERVATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF REGIONAL CENTERS.—Section 481B(a) (42 U.S.C. 287a-3(a)) is amended—

- (1) by striking "shall" and inserting "may";
- (2) by striking "through 1996" and inserting "through 1997"; and
- (3) by striking "\$5,000,000" and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for each such fiscal year".

SEC. 382. GENERAL CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTERS.

Part B of title IV (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.), as amended by section 205(h), is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 409C. GENERAL CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTERS.

"(a) GRANTS.—The Director of the National Center for Research Resources shall award grants for the establishment of general clinical research centers to provide the infrastructure for clinical research including clinical research training and career enhancement. Such centers shall support clinical studies and career development in all settings of the hospital or academic medical center involved.

"(b) ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Director of NIH shall expand the activities of the general clinical research centers through the increased use of telecommunications and telemedicine initiatives.

"(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under subsection (a), such sums as may be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997."

SEC. 383. ENHANCEMENT AWARDS.

Part B of title IV (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.), as amended by sections 205(h) and 382, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

"SEC. 409D. ENHANCEMENT AWARDS.

"(a) CLINICAL RESEARCH CAREER ENHANCEMENT AWARD.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Center for Research Resources shall make grants (to be referred to as 'clinical research career enhancement awards') to support individual careers in clinical research.

"(2) APPLICATIONS.—An application for a grant under this subsection shall be submitted by an individual scientist at such time as the Director may require.

"(3) LIMITATIONS.—The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed \$130,000 per year per grant. Grants shall be for terms of 5 years. The Director shall award not more than 20 grants in the first fiscal year in which grants are awarded under this subsection. The total number of grants awarded under this subsection for the first and second fiscal years in which grants such are awarded shall not exceed 40 grants.

"(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under paragraph (1), such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.

"(b) INNOVATIVE MEDICAL SCIENCE AWARD.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National Center for Research Resources shall make grants (to be referred to as 'innovative medical science awards') to support individual clinical research projects.

"(2) APPLICATIONS.—An application for a grant under this subsection shall be submitted by an individual scientist at such time as the Director requires.

"(3) LIMITATIONS.—The amount of a grant under this subsection shall not exceed \$100,000 per year per grant.

"(4) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to make grants under paragraph (1), such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.

"(c) PEER REVIEW.—The Director of NIH, in cooperation with the Director of the National Center for Research Resources, shall establish peer review mechanisms to evaluate applications for clinical research fellowships, clinical research career enhancement awards, and innovative medical science award programs. Such review mechanisms shall include individuals who are exceptionally qualified to appraise the merits of potential clinical research trainees."

SEC. 384. WAIVER OF LIMITATIONS.

Section 481A (42 U.S.C. 287a-2) is amended—

- (1) in subsection (b)(3)(A), by striking "9" and inserting "12";
- (2) in subsection (e)—
 - (A) in paragraph (1)—
 - (i) in subparagraph (A), by striking "50" and inserting "40"; and
 - (ii) in subparagraph (B), by striking "40" and inserting "30"; and
 - (B) in paragraph (4), by striking "for applicants meeting the conditions described in paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection (c)"; and
- (3) in subsection (h), by striking "\$150,000,000" and all that follows through "1996" and inserting "such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997".

Subtitle J—National Library of Medicine

SEC. 391. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Section 468(a) (42 U.S.C. 286a-2(a)) is amended by striking "\$150,000,000" and all that follows through the period and inserting "\$160,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

SEC. 392. INCREASING THE CAP ON GRANT AMOUNTS.

Section 474(b)(2) (42 U.S.C. 286b-5(b)(2)) is amended by striking "\$1,000,000" and inserting "\$1,250,000".

TITLE IV—AWARDS AND TRAINING

SEC. 401. MEDICAL SCIENTIST TRAINING PROGRAM.

(a) EXPANSION OF PROGRAM.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the National Institutes of Health, shall expand the Medical Scientist Training Program to include fields that will contribute to training clinical investigators in the skills of performing patient-oriented clinical research.

(b) DESIGNATION OF SLOTS.—In carrying out subsection (a), the Director of the National Institutes of Health shall designate a specific percentage of positions under the Medical Scientist Training Program for use with respect to the pursuit of a Ph.D. degree in the disciplines of economics, epidemiology, public health, bioengineering, biostatistics and bioethics, and other fields determined appropriate by the Director.

SEC. 402. RAISE IN MAXIMUM LEVEL OF LOAN REPAYMENTS.

(a) REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO AIDS.—Section 487A (42 U.S.C. 288-1) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”; and

(2) in subsection (c), by striking “1996” and inserting “1997”.

(b) REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO CONTRACEPTION AND INFERTILITY.—Section 487B(a) (42 U.S.C. 288-2(a)) is amended by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”.

(c) REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCH GENERALLY.—Section 487C(a)(1) (42 U.S.C. 288-3(a)(1)) is amended by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”.

(d) REPAYMENT PROGRAMS WITH RESPECT TO CLINICAL RESEARCHERS FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS.—Section 487E(a) (42 U.S.C. 288-5(a)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1), by striking “\$20,000” and inserting “\$35,000”; and

(2) in paragraph (3), by striking “338C” and inserting “338B, 338C”.

SEC. 403. GENERAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

Part G of title IV (42 U.S.C. 288 et seq.) is amended by inserting after section 487E, the following new section:

“SEC. 487F. GENERAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary, acting through the Director of NIH, shall carry out a program of entering into agreements with appropriately qualified health professionals under which such health professionals agree to conduct research with respect to the areas identified under paragraph (2) in consideration of the Federal Government agreeing to repay, for each year of such service, not more than \$35,000 of the principal and interest of the educational loans of such health professionals.

“(2) RESEARCH AREAS.—In carrying out the program under paragraph (1), the Director of NIH shall annually identify areas of research for which loan repayments made be awarded under paragraph (1).

“(3) TERM OF AGREEMENT.—A loan repayment agreement under paragraph (1) shall be for a minimum of two years.

“(b) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS.—With respect to the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in subpart III of part D of title III, the provisions of such subpart shall, except as inconsistent with subsection (a) of this section, apply to the program established in such subsection (a) in the same manner and to the same extent as such provisions apply to the National Health Service Corps Loan Repayment Program established in such subpart.

“(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”.

SEC. 404. CLINICAL RESEARCH ASSISTANCE.

(a) NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS.—Section 487(a)(1)(C) (42 U.S.C. 288(a)(1)(C)) is amended—

(1) by striking “50 such” and inserting “100 such”; and

(2) by striking “1996” and inserting “1997”.

(b) LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM.—Section 487E (42 U.S.C. 288-5) is amended—

(1) in the section heading, by striking “FROM DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS”;

(2) in subsection (a)(1), by striking “who are from disadvantaged backgrounds”;

(3) in subsection (b)—

(A) by striking “Amounts” and inserting the following:

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Amounts”; and

(B) by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

“(2) DISADVANTAGED BACKGROUNDS SET ASIDE.—In carrying out this section, the Secretary shall ensure that not less than 50 percent of the amounts appropriated for a fiscal year are used for contracts involving those appropriately qualified health professionals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds.”; and

(4) by adding at the end thereof the following new subsections:

“(c) CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING POSITION.—A position shall be considered a clinical research training position under subsection (a)(1) if such position involves an individual serving in a general clinical research center or other organizations and institutions determined to be appropriate by the Director of NIH, or a physician receiving a clinical research career enhancement award or NIH intramural research fellowship.

“(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section such sums as may be necessary for each fiscal year.”.

TITLE V—RESEARCH WITH RESPECT TO AIDS**SEC. 501. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR EXPENDITURE OF AIDS APPROPRIATIONS.**

Section 2353(d)(1) (42 U.S.C. 300cc-40b(d)(1)) is amended by striking “through 1996” and inserting “through 1997”.

SEC. 502. EMERGENCY AIDS DISCRETIONARY FUND.

Section 2356(g)(1) (42 U.S.C. 300cc-43(g)(1)) is amended by striking “\$100,000,000” and all that follows through the period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”.

TITLE VI—GENERAL PROVISIONS**Subtitle A—Authority of the Director of NIH****SEC. 601. AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF NIH.**

Section 402(b) (42 U.S.C. 282(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (11), by striking “and” at the end thereof;

(2) in paragraph (12), by striking the period and inserting a semicolon; and

(3) by adding after paragraph (12), the following new paragraphs:

“(13) may conduct and support research training—

“(A) for which fellowship support is not provided under section 487; and

“(B) which does not consist of residency training of physicians or other health professionals; and

“(14) may appoint physicians, dentists, and other health care professionals, subject to the provisions of title 5, United States Code, relating to appointments and classifications in the competitive service, and may compensate such professionals subject to the provisions of chapter 74 of title 38, United States Code.”.

Subtitle B—Office of Rare Disease Research**SEC. 611. ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE FOR RARE DISEASE RESEARCH.**

Part A of title IV of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“SEC. 404F. OFFICE FOR RARE DISEASE RESEARCH.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established within the Office of the Director of the National Institutes of Health an office to be known as the Office for Rare Disease Research (in this section referred to as the ‘Office’). The Office shall be headed by a director, who shall be appointed by the Director of the National Institutes of Health.

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Office is to promote and coordinate the conduct of research on rare diseases through a strategic research plan and to establish and manage a rare disease research clinical database.

“(c) ADVISORY COUNCIL.—The Secretary shall establish an advisory council for the purpose of providing advice to the director of the Office concerning carrying out the strategic research plan and other duties under this section. Section 222 shall apply to such council to the same extent and in the same manner as such section applies to committees or councils established under such section.

“(d) DUTIES.—In carrying out subsection (b), the director of the Office shall—

“(1) develop a comprehensive plan for the conduct and support of research on rare diseases;

“(2) coordinate and disseminate information among the institutes and the public on rare diseases;

“(3) support research training and encourage the participation of a diversity of individuals in the conduct of rare disease research;

“(4) identify projects or research on rare diseases that should be conducted or supported by the National Institutes of Health;

“(5) develop and maintain a central database on current government sponsored clinical research projects for rare diseases;

“(6) determine the need for registries of research subjects and epidemiological studies of rare disease populations; and

“(7) prepare biennial reports on the activities carried out or to be carried out by the Office and submit such reports to the Secretary and the Congress.”.

Subtitle C—Certain Reauthorizations**SEC. 621. NATIONAL RESEARCH SERVICE AWARDS.**

Section 487(d) (42 U.S.C. 288(d)) is amended by striking “\$400,000,000” and all that follows through the first period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”.

SEC. 622. NATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH.

Section 499(m)(1) (42 U.S.C. 290b(m)(1)) is amended by striking “an aggregate” and all that follows through the period and inserting “such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year 1997.”.

Subtitle D—Miscellaneous Provisions**SEC. 631. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL FUND FOR HEALTH RESEARCH.**

Part A of title IV (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.), as amended by section 611, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“SEC. 404G. ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL FUND FOR HEALTH RESEARCH.

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is established in the Treasury of the United States a fund, to be known as the ‘National Fund for Health Research’ (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Fund’), consisting of such amounts as are transferred to the Fund and any interest earned on investment of amounts in the Fund.

“(b) OBLIGATIONS FROM FUND.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2), with respect to the amounts made available in the Fund in a fiscal year, the Secretary shall distribute all of such amounts during any fiscal year to research institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health in the same proportion to the total amount received under this section, as the amount of annual appropriations under appropriations Acts for each member institute and centers for the fiscal year bears to the total amount of appropriations under appropriations Acts for all research institutes and centers of the National Institutes of Health for the fiscal year.

“(2) TRIGGER AND RELEASE OF MONIES.—No expenditure shall be made under paragraph (1) during any fiscal year in which the annual amount appropriated for the National

Institutes of Health is less than the amount so appropriated for the prior fiscal year.”.

SEC. 632. DEFINITION OF CLINICAL RESEARCH.

Part A of title IV (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.) as amended by sections 611 and 631, is further amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:

“SEC. 404H. DEFINITION OF CLINICAL RESEARCH.

“As used in this title, the term ‘clinical research’ means patient oriented clinical research conducted with human subjects, or research on the causes and consequences of disease in human populations, or on material of human origin (such as tissue specimens and cognitive phenomena) for which an investigator or colleague directly interacts with human subjects in an outpatient or inpatient setting to clarify a problem in human physiology, pathophysiology, or disease, epidemiologic or behavioral studies, outcomes research, or health services research.”.

SEC. 633. ESTABLISHMENT OF A PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE.

Part A of title IV (42 U.S.C. 281 et seq.), as amended by sections 611, 631, and 632, is further amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“SEC. 404I. PEDIATRIC RESEARCH INITIATIVE

“(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretary shall establish within the Office of the Director of NIH a Pediatric Research Initiative (hereafter in this section referred to as the ‘Initiative’). The Initiative shall be headed by the Director of NIH.

“(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of the Initiative is to provide funds to enable the Director of NIH to encourage—

“(1) increased support for pediatric biomedical research within the National Institutes of Health to ensure that the expanding opportunities for advancement in scientific investigations and care for children are realized;

“(2) enhanced collaborative efforts among the Institutes to support multidisciplinary research in the areas that the Director deems most promising;

“(3) increased support for pediatric outcomes and medical effectiveness research to demonstrate how to improve the quality of children’s health care while reducing cost;

“(4) the development of adequate pediatric clinical trials and pediatric use information to promote the safer and more effective use of prescription drugs in the pediatric population; and

“(5) recognition of the special attention pediatric research deserves.

“(c) DUTIES.—In carrying out subsection (b), the Director of NIH shall—

“(1) consult with the Institutes and other advisors as the Director determines appropriate when considering the role of the Institute for Child Health and Human Development;

“(2) have broad discretion in the allocation of any Initiative assistance among the Institutes, among types of grants, and between basic and clinical research so long as the—

“(A) assistance is directly related to the illnesses and diseases of children; and

“(B) assistance is extramural in nature; and

“(3) be responsible for the oversight of any newly appropriated Initiative funds and be accountable with respect to such funds to Congress and to the public.

“(d) AUTHORIZATION.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$50,000,000 for fiscal years 1997 through 1999.

“(e) TRANSFER OF FUNDS.—The Director of NIH may transfer amounts appropriated to any of the Institutes for a fiscal year to the Initiative to carry out this section.”.

SEC. 634. DIABETES RESEARCH.

(a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds as follows:

(1) Diabetes is a serious health problem in America.

(2) More than 16,000,000 Americans suffer from diabetes.

(3) Diabetes is the fourth leading cause of death in America, taking the lives of more than 169,000 people annually.

(4) Diabetes disproportionately affects minority populations, especially African-Americans, Hispanics, and Native Americans.

(5) Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness in adults over age 30.

(6) Diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure requiring dialysis or transplantation, affecting more than 56,000 Americans each year.

(7) Diabetes is the leading cause of non-traumatic amputations, affecting 54,000 Americans each year.

(8) The cost of treating diabetes and its complications are staggering for our Nation.

(9) Diabetes accounted for health expenditures of \$105,000,000,000 in 1992.

(10) Diabetes accounts for over 14 percent of our Nation’s health care costs.

(11) Federal funds invested in diabetes research over the last two decades has led to significant advances and, according to leading scientists and endocrinologists, has brought the United States to the threshold of revolutionary discoveries which hold the potential to dramatically reduce the economic and social burden of this disease.

(12) The National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases supports, in addition to many other areas of research, genetic research, islet cell transplantation research, and prevention and treatment clinical trials focusing on diabetes. Other research institutes within the National Institutes of Health conduct diabetes-related research focusing on its numerous complications, such as heart disease, eye and kidney problems, amputations, and diabetic neuropathy.

(b) INCREASED FUNDING REGARDING DIABETES.—With respect to the conduct and support of diabetes-related research by the National Institutes of Health, there are authorized to be appropriated for such purpose—

(1) for each of the fiscal years 1997 through 1999, an amount equal to the amount appropriated for such purpose for fiscal year 1996; and

(2) for the 3-fiscal year period beginning with fiscal year 1997, an additional amount equal to 25 percent of the amount appropriated for such purpose for fiscal year 1996.

SEC. 635. PARKINSON’S RESEARCH.

Part B of title IV (42 U.S.C. 284 et seq.), as amended by sections 204, 382 and 383, is further amended by adding at the end the following section:

“PARKINSON’S DISEASE

“SEC. 409E. (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall establish a program for the conduct and support of research and training with respect to Parkinson’s disease.

“(b) INTER-INSTITUTE COORDINATION.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall provide for the coordination of the program established under subsection (a) among all of the national research institutes conducting Parkinson’s research.

“(2) CONFERENCE.—Coordination under paragraph (1) shall include the convening of a research planning conference not less frequently than once every 2 years. Each such conference shall prepare and submit to the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Labor and Human Resources of the Senate and the Committee on Appropriations and the Committee on Commerce of the House of Representatives a report concerning the conference.

“(c) MORRIS K. UDALL RESEARCH CENTERS.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The Director of NIH shall award Core Center Grants to encourage the development of innovative multidisciplinary research and provide training concerning Parkinson’s. The Director shall award not more than 10 Core Center Grants and designate each center funded under such grants as a Morris K. Udall Center for Research on Parkinson’s Disease.

“(2) REQUIREMENTS.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—With respect to Parkinson’s, each center assisted under this subsection shall—

“(i) use the facilities of a single institution or a consortium of cooperating institutions, and meet such qualifications as may be prescribed by the Director of the NIH; and

“(ii) conduct basic and clinical research.

“(B) DISCRETIONARY REQUIREMENTS.—With respect to Parkinson’s, each center assisted under this subsection may—

“(i) conduct training programs for scientists and health professionals;

“(ii) conduct programs to provide information and continuing education to health professionals;

“(iii) conduct programs for the dissemination of information to the public;

“(iv) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a nationwide data system derived from patient populations with Parkinson’s, and where possible, comparing relevant data involving general populations;

“(v) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a Parkinson’s Disease Information Clearinghouse to facilitate and enhance knowledge and understanding of Parkinson’s disease; and

“(vi) separately or in collaboration with other centers, establish a national education program that fosters a national focus on Parkinson’s and the care of those with Parkinson’s.

“(3) STIPENDS REGARDING TRAINING PROGRAMS.—A center may use funds provided under paragraph (1) to provide stipends for scientists and health professionals enrolled in training programs under paragraph (2)(B).

“(4) DURATION OF SUPPORT.—Support of a center under this subsection may be for a period not exceeding five years. Such period may be extended by the Director of NIH for one or more additional periods of not more than five years if the operations of such center have been reviewed by an appropriate technical and scientific peer review group established by the Director and if such group has recommended to the Director that such period should be extended.

“(d) MORRIS K. UDALL AWARDS FOR INNOVATION IN PARKINSON’S DISEASE RESEARCH.—The Director of NIH shall establish a grant program to support innovative proposals leading to significant breakthroughs in Parkinson’s research. Grants under this subsection shall be available to support outstanding neuroscientists and clinicians who bring innovative ideas to bear on the understanding of the pathogenesis, diagnosis and treatment of Parkinson’s disease.

“(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the purpose of carrying out this section, there are authorized to be appropriated \$80,000,000 for fiscal year 1997.”.

SEC. 636. PAIN RESEARCH CONSORTIUM.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Pain Research Consortium Act of 1996”.

(b) OPERATION.—Part E of title IV (42 U.S.C. 287 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end thereof the following new subpart:

"Subpart 5—Pain Research Consortium"
"SEC. 485E. ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE OF THE CONSORTIUM."

"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Director of NIH shall, subject to the availability of appropriations, and acting in cooperation with appropriate Institutes and with leading experts in pain research and treatment, establish within the National Institutes of Health, a Pain Research Consortium (hereafter referred to in this subpart as the 'Consortium')."

"(b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of the Pain Research Consortium to—

"(1) provide a structure for coordinating pain research activities;

"(2) facilitate communications among Federal and State governmental agencies and private sector organization (including extramural grantees) concerned with pain;

"(3) share information concerning research and related activities being conducted in the area of pain;

"(4) encourage the recruitment and retention of individuals desiring to conduct pain research;

"(5) develop collaborative pain research efforts;

"(6) avoid unnecessary duplication of pain research efforts; and

"(7) achieve a more efficient use of Federal and private sector research funds.

"(c) COMPOSITION.—The Consortium shall be composed of representatives of—

"(1) the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke;

"(2) the National Institute of Drug Abuse;

"(3) the National Institute of General Medical Sciences;

"(4) the National Institute of Dental Research;

"(5) the National Health, Lung, and Blood Institute;

"(6) the National Cancer Institute;

"(7) the National Institute of Mental Health;

"(8) the National Institute of Nursing Research;

"(9) the National Center for Research Resources;

"(10) the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development;

"(11) the National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases;

"(12) the National Institute on Aging;

"(13) pain management practitioners, which may include physicians, psychologists, physical medicine and rehabilitation service representatives (including physical therapists and occupational therapists), nurses, dentists, and chiropractors; and

"(14) patient advocacy groups.

"(d) ACTIVITIES.—The Consortium shall coordinate and support research, training, health information dissemination and related activities with respect to—

"(1) acute pain;

"(2) cancer and HIV-related pain;

"(3) back pain, headache pain, and facial pain; and

"(4) other painful conditions.

"(e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1997."

Subtitle E—Repeals and Conforming Amendments

SEC. 641. REPEALS AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.

(a) RENAMING OF DIVISION OF RESEARCH RESOURCES.—Section 403(5) (42 U.S.C. 283(5)) is amended by striking "Division of Research Resources" and inserting "National Center for Research Resources".

(b) RENAMING OF NATIONAL CENTER FOR NURSING RESEARCH.—

(1) Section 403(5) (42 U.S.C. 283(5)) is amended by striking "National Center for

Nursing Research" and inserting "National Institute of Nursing Research".

(2) Section 408(a)(2) (42 U.S.C. 284c(a)(2)) is amended by striking "National Center for Nursing Research" and inserting "National Institute of Nursing Research".

(c) RENAMING OF CHIEF MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS.—

(1) Section 406 (42 U.S.C. 284a) is amended—

(A) in subsection (b)(2)(A), by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs or the Chief Dental Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs"; and

(B) in subsection (h)(2)(A)(v) by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs," and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(2) Section 424(c)(3)(B)(x) (42 U.S.C. 285b-7(c)(3)(B)(x)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(3) Section 429(b) (42 U.S.C. 285c-3(b)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Veterans' Administration" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(4) Section 430(b)(2)(A)(i) (42 U.S.C. 285c-4(b)(2)(A)(i)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(5) Section 439(b) (42 U.S.C. 285d-4(b)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(6) Section 452(f)(3)(B)(xi) (42 U.S.C. 285g-4(f)(3)(B)(xi)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(7) Section 466(a)(1)(B) (42 U.S.C. 286a(a)(1)(B)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(8) Section 480(b)(2)(A) (42 U.S.C. 287a(b)(2)(A)) is amended by striking "Chief Medical Director of the Department of Veterans Affairs" and inserting "Under Secretary for Health of the Department of Veterans Affairs".

(b) ADVISORY COUNCILS.—Section 406(h) (42 U.S.C. 284a(h)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (1); and

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "(2)(A) The" and inserting "(1) The";

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (B) as paragraph (2); and

(C) by redesignating clauses (i) through (vi) of paragraph (1) (as so redesignated) as subparagraphs (A) through (F), respectively.

(c) DIABETES AND DIGESTIVE AND KIDNEY DISORDERS ADVISORY BOARDS.—Section 430 (42 U.S.C. 285c-4) is repealed.

(d) NATIONAL ARTHRITIS AND MUSCULOSKELETAL AND SKIN DISEASES ADVISORY BOARD.—Section 442 (42 U.S.C. 285d-7) is repealed.

(e) RESEARCH CENTERS REGARDING CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME.—Subpart 6 of part C of title IV (42 U.S.C. 285f et seq.) is amended by redesignating the second section 447 (42 U.S.C. 285f-1) as section 447A.

(f) NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DEAFNESS ADVISORY BOARD.—Section 464D (42 U.S.C. 285m-4) is repealed.

(g) BIOMEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL RESEARCH PERSONNEL STUDY.—Section 489 (42 U.S.C. 288b) is amended—

(1) by striking subsection (b); and

(2) by redesignating subsection (c) as subsection (b).

(h) NATIONAL COMMISSION ON ALCOHOLISM AND OTHER ALCOHOL-RELATED PROBLEMS.—Section 18 of the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment, and Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1979 (42 U.S.C. 4541 note) is repealed.

(i) ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES RESEARCH AND TRAINING.—Section 311(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (42 U.S.C. 9660(a)) is amended—

(1) by striking paragraph (5); and

(2) in the last sentence of paragraph (6), by striking "the relevant Federal agencies referred to in subparagraph (A) of paragraph (5)" and inserting "relevant Federal agencies".

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oklahoma, the acting leader.

SETTING THE TIME FOR COUNTING ELECTORAL VOTES

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send to the desk a bill and ask for its immediate consideration.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2158) to set the time for counting electoral votes.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2158) was deemed read for a third time and passed, as follows:

S. 2158

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

In carrying out the procedure set forth in section 15 of title 3, United States Code, for 1997, "the 9th day of January" shall be substituted for "the sixth day of January" in the first sentence of such section.

SETTING THE TIME FOR THE CONVENING OF THE 105TH CONGRESS

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 2159) to set the time for the convening of the 105th Congress.

Mr. NICKLES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be deemed read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to the bill be printed at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 2159) was deemed read for a third time and passed, as follows: